



Raising Student Achievement with Community Collaboration

Mark Your Calendar

March 4-6, 2007

**Tan-Tar-A Resort
Osage Beach, Missouri**

Network and learn with others across the state to improve the lives of children, and walk away with ideas you can take back to your classroom, school, or agency.

Conference Opens! Sunday Afternoon Session

Erin Gruwell was a teacher in one of the toughest classrooms in a Long Beach California High School. The student's plan was to get rid of her, but instead she ended up teaching them. She has published her own curriculum, and a movie based on her story starring Hilary Swank premieres in January 2007. You can meet her and one of her former students at the opening keynote presentation of the Pathways Conference.

Monday Opening Keynote

Bonnie St. John is a gold medal winning Olympic skier with only one leg. Her story provides inspiration on the value of hard work and determination. You can hear her speak on the merits of education and the value of excellent teachers and people who care in her Monday morning keynote address.

Monday Luncheon Keynote

Juana Bordas speaks on the challenges facing our educational system in America. In particular, she'll provide insight and motivation for educating Latino students and others of different culture and background at the luncheon keynote address.

Tuesday Closing Keynote

Darrell Andrews, also known as "Coach D", speaks on connecting, solving, and succeeding: developing a passion to close the gap. You don't want to miss the closing keynote address as Coach "D" provides us with a focus on how to connect with today's youth.

Conference Fees

Early Registration..... \$160.00

Late Registration..... \$180.00

Lodging (per Night)..... \$87.55

Conference Information

Complete Conference details
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